

## **Call for Abstracts / Posters**

### **EPA Region 8 Wetland Program Capacity Building Workshop Bozeman, Montana September 21-24, 2010**

**Submission Deadline: April 30, 2010**

The goal of the workshop is to build wetland program capacity to protect and restore wetlands and riparian areas and help meet the national goal of no net loss and net gain in function and acreage (NNL/NG) in EPA Region 8 States and Tribes (ND, SD, MT, WY, CO, UT). Individuals and organizations interested in wetland program capacity building are invited to submit abstracts for presentations on September 22 and 23, and for an evening poster session on September 22. See the [Wetland Workshop](#) website.

Presentations and posters are encouraged within the following topics:

#### **1) Wetland and Watershed Restoration Plans.**

Presentations and posters on projects that have taken a landscape approach to developing wetlands, streamside and/or floodplains restoration plans. Including, approaches that integrate wetland restoration in a watershed context to protect all aquatic resources, use of GIS tools, watershed plans, volunteer or citizen action groups and/or other activities that describe collaborative partnership building.

#### **2) Monitoring and Assessment for Decision Making.**

Presentations and posters on how to develop and implement monitoring and assessment programs to improve and inform wetland management, protection, and restoration decisions. Emphasis should be on the need to monitor and the end use of information collected. Other related topics include integrating wetland mapping, status and assessment reports, GIS, and data collection to help take program development to the next step.

#### **3) Water Quality Standards for Wetlands and Other Wetland Regulations/Ordinances.**

Presentations and posters describing the process of developing and implementing Wetland Water Quality Standards, 401 certification, and other tools. Including issues such as addressing wetlands in the definition of state waters, how wetland water quality standards can be used to protect and restore wetlands, and other wetland regulations/ordinances that can be used to protect wetland resources.

#### **4) Using Strategic Planning and Collaborative Partnerships.**

Presentations and posters on examples of successful strategic planning, program coordination, and collaborative program development to build state, tribal or local wetland programs so we can learn from each other's successes and challenges.

#### **5) Other Wetland Program Capacity Building Topics.**

Presentations and posters on topics that may not be covered in the areas listed above, but that related to wetland program capacity building are welcome.

### **Application Process**

Submit a brief abstract including title, name, organization and contact information (1 pg limit) and indication of topic or topics under which it might fit. Please indicate if this is a presentation or poster.

Submit abstracts to: [mtwatercourse@montana.edu](mailto:mtwatercourse@montana.edu). Submission deadline: April 30, 2010.

All will be notified by May 27.

Limited scholarships for speakers are available and speaker registration is half price.

**For Further Information:** Please contact Janet Bender-Keigley at [jkeigley@montana.edu](mailto:jkeigley@montana.edu) or 406-994-6671 or visit the [Wetland Workshop](#) website.